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Mike Baron, John Calimee, and Bill Reinhold bring you an utterly unique holiday tale this December in Badger #70!
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KLAUSTR

troll named Johann tried to lead the elves in a wo
Klaus' new rocket sled, and now he's got several

Mike Baron's sense of social satire has never b
conceivable target in ***Badger*** #70, with the able a

You haven't seen a Christmas story like "Klaus"
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What if the national debt were cou
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OPHOBIA!

First the elves unionized, demanding 11 months of paid vacation. Then animal-rights activists forced Klaus to retire his reindeer, the Freedom from Religion Foundation started jamming transmissions from the North Pole, the war-toys factory had to be shut down (causing massive elf unemployment), and a
rkers' revolt. On top of all that, the Royal Canadian Air Force keeps trying to shoot down
million new stops to make in Eastern Europe. It's enough to drive Santa to drink!
een keener than in "Klaus," and Christmas gives him plenty of fodder; he rips into every
ssistance of **John Calimee** and original ***Badger*** artist **Bill Reinhold**.
before — and you'd better not miss this one, because Santa knows where you live! ***Badger***

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY

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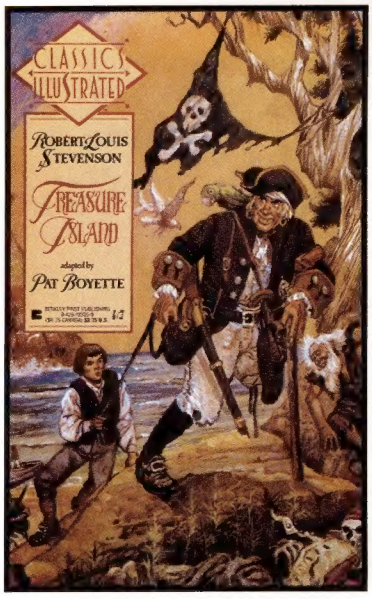

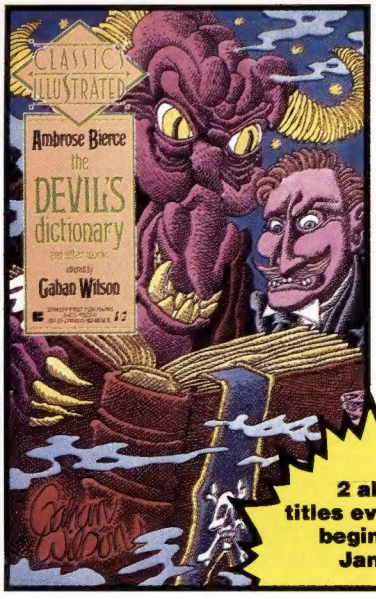

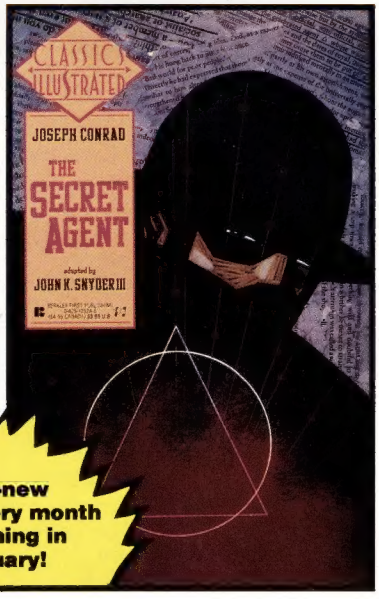

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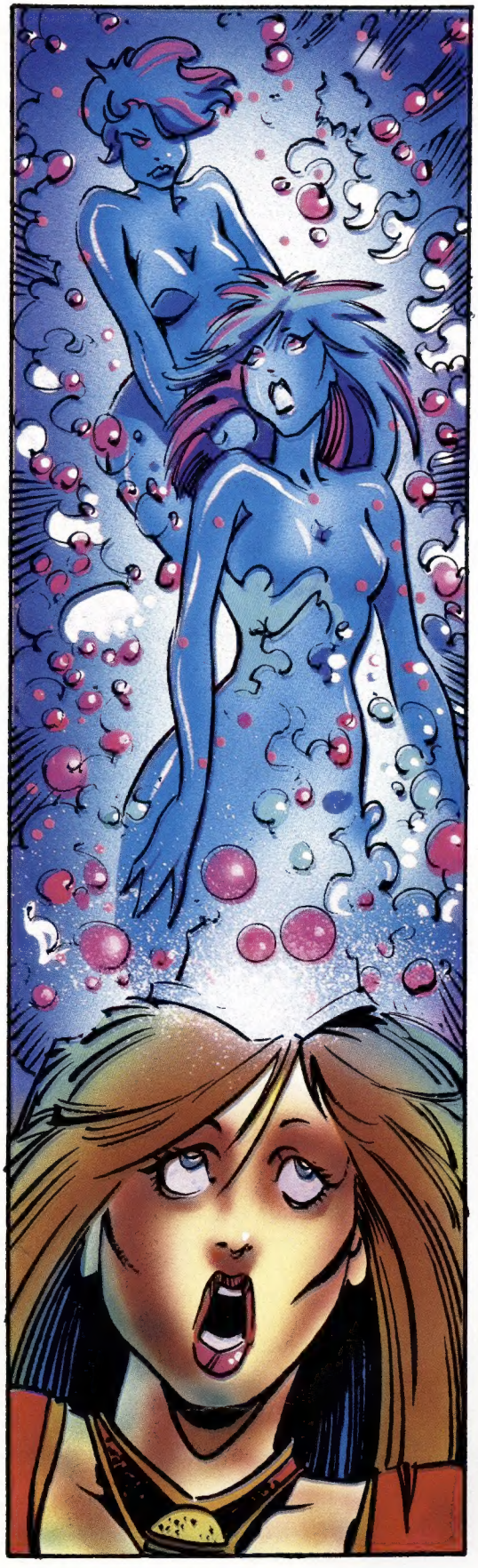

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